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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

NOBUTAKA SHINOHARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: VANDERPUYE, K. N.

SERIAL NO: 09/400,428

FILED: SEPTEMBER 21, 1999 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2661

FOR: SERIAL TRANSMISSION PATH

SWITCHING SYSTEM

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

The Applicants respectfully petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3) to compel consideration by the Examiner of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on March 19, 2004, a copy of which is attached along with a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt.

The Applicants note that the Notice of Allowance dated April 22, 2005, did not include an indication that the IDS filed on March 19, 2004, was entered and considered. Accordingly, the Applicants request a copy of the IDS filed on March 19, 2004, that is signed, initialed, and dated by the Examiner as being considered as required under MPEP 609 III. C. 2., in order to clarify that the reference cited in the IDS has been considered and made of record.

Application No. 09/400,428 Reply to Notice of Allowance dated April 22, 2005

It is respectfully requested that this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 be granted and the Examiner compelled to provide the Applicants with a signed, initialed, and dated copy of the IDS filed on March 19, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached Canadian Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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